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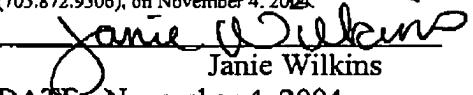
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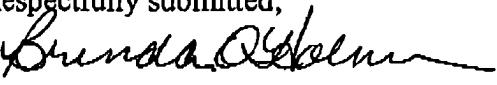
**Petition for Extension of Time**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents for a two-month extension of time, through and including November 4, 2004, to respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on June 4, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the extension of time fee of \$430.00 and any additional fee relating to this filing to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

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